

Amos Kendall to Andrew Jackson, October 21, 1843, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Washington, October 21, 1843.

My Dear Sir, At length, I have the satisfaction to present you with the first number of your Biography. If your health will permit, I will be infinitely obliged to you, if you will note any error you may discover in this or succeeding numbers. I hope to live until I can give to the world another edition corrected by all the lights I can collect on the subject.

There is one point of fact which I find it difficult to fix by the means in my possession. In Major Lee's Notes, your election as Major General is stated to have been subsequent to your resignation as Judge. Yet, I see you were addressed as General by the Secretary of War and by your fellow citizens in 1803. It is probable you were then Brigadier General; but Eaton says nothing about it and there is nothing in your papers to show, nor in Lee's Notes. To avoid error on that point, I beg you to inform me, whether the election of Major General was before your resignation as Judge or after, and if after, whether you held the appointment of Brigadier General before and how long. 1

1 See Jackson's replies, pp. 239, 241, post. He was elected major-general in February, 1802; he resigned from the bench in July, 1804.

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For a month past my health has been exceedingly feeble and is not yet as good as usual. Many of my family also have had very bad colds and Mrs. Kendall is laboring under one now.

You will have noticed the course of the impracticables of South Carolina. They have done us much mischief; but I hope will not do us much more. We will have a fearful contest next year; but I trust in the energy of the people and the mercy of God which has once come to our country's rescue, that we are not to have Mr. Clay and his associates, to chain us once again to the British Isles and subject us to an aristocracy worse than despotism. Mrs. Kendall joins me in affectionate remembrances for yourself and family.

Unchangeably yours